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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2038*

House Bill No. 2055

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 6 of this act as a new part.

SECTION 2. This act shall be known as the “Child Nutrition and Wellness Act of 2005” and is enacted for the purpose of developing a comprehensive, long-range plan to address childhood obesity and related chronic diseases and to find funding for such a plan.

SECTION 3. As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Advisory council” means The Tennessee Healthy Weight Network.

The goals of the Tennessee Healthy Weight Network are to develop a strategic plan to reduce overweight and obesity risk among children and youth in Tennessee, spearhead and coordinate the statewide effort to implement the plan, collaborate with programs that offer an infrastructure appropriate for carrying out the intervention specified in the plan, oversee the development and implementation of local network efforts, serve as a source to local network groups and coalitions by providing technical assistance and training, identify funding sources to support state and local programming, implement an evaluation plan and monitor progress; and seek appropriate changes in public policy and legislation that support the plan.

(2) “Committee” means the select committee on children and youth.

(3) “Subcommittee” means a subcommittee of the committee created for the purpose of working with the Tennessee Healthy Weight Network.

SECTION 4.

(a) The chair of the committee shall appoint the advisory council to advise the chair of the committee and the subcommittee regarding child nutrition and wellness issues. The chair of the committee shall utilize the existing Tennessee Healthy Weight Network and its existing structure for the advisory council.

(b) The advisory council shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) To develop a comprehensive long-term strategy, including funding and evaluation mechanisms, to promote child nutrition and wellness in various settings, including but not limited to schools, child care centers, health care facilities, and community facilities such as churches, shopping centers, health clubs, and other areas frequented by children;

(2) To gather relevant data on child nutrition and wellness and to recommend surveys and other means to gather additional data, if deemed necessary; and

(3) To advocate for the wellness of children and to recommend appropriate forums, programs, and initiatives to educate the public regarding child nutrition and wellness.

(c) The chair of the committee shall appoint the subcommittee to work with the advisory council, and establish the procedures under which the advisory council shall work with the subcommittee. There shall be at least one representative from the Tennessee Minority Health Advisory Council, the department of health's division of maternal and child health, the department of education, the department of agriculture, the department of mental health, the department of human services, the children's cabinet or the department of children's services, the committee, the Head Start program, and the school lunch program.

(d) The chair of the committee shall appoint the advisory council. Such council shall include of at least one representative from the state and local

departments of agriculture, health, human services, education, and mental health, as well as at least one representative from a local school systems, health professionals (including registered dietitians, pediatricians, family physicians, school nurse, exercise physiologist, school counselor, health educator, parent, researcher in child health trends, epidemiologist), local government officials representing local health and nutrition initiatives, food industry (including grocers, restaurateurs, food manufacturers), health care industry, and a major employer.

(e) The advisory council shall serve without compensation and shall meet at least bi-monthly.

SECTION 5.

(a) The subcommittee is appointed by the chair of the committee and shall be operated within existing resources of the committee.

(b) The subcommittee shall work with the advisory council and shall perform the following functions:

(1) Assist the committee in identifying and establishing priorities and developing a 5-year plan for addressing child nutrition, health and chronic disease data collection and evaluation, programs, services, and resources to promote better child nutrition and wellness;

(2) Assist the committee in developing public/private and multidisciplinary partnerships at the state, federal and local levels;

(3) Identify sources of funding for promotion of child nutrition and wellness and seek funding from such sources;

(4) Make recommendations to the commissioner of health regarding programs that address child nutrition and wellness for inclusion in the department of health's annual budget; and

(5) Seek funding for public educational forums to raise public awareness and discussion about child nutrition and wellness issues and conduct such forums.

SECTION 6.

(a) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon request of the chair of the committee or the chair's designee.

(b) The committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the general assembly no later than May 31, 2006.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-228(a), is amended by adding the following as a new item:

() The Tennessee Healthy Weight Network – an advisory council on child nutrition and wellness.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.